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**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

**Please amend the Claims as follows. Insertions are shown underlined while deletions are struck through.**

1 (canceled)

2 (currently amended): ~~The light diffusing sheet according to claim 1A light-diffusing sheet comprising a transparent film and a light-diffusing layer, which is made of a resin coating layer having a minute unevenness formed on a surface thereof, is formed on at least one side of the transparent film.~~

~~wherein the transparent film includes a thermoplastic resin (A) having a substituted and/or non-substituted imido group in a side chain, and a thermoplastic resin (B) having a substituted and/or non-substituted phenyl group and nitrile group in a side chain, and~~

~~an average height-depth spacing (Sm), a center-line average surface roughness (Ra) and a ten-point average surface roughness (Rz) on the surface with the minute unevenness satisfies the respective following relations:~~

Sm ≤ 80 µm,

Ra ≤ 0.25 µm and

Rz ≤ 9Ra,

wherein a 60° glossiness on the surface with the minute unevenness is 70% or less.

3 (canceled)

4 (currently amended): ~~The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 12, wherein the transparent film is a biaxially stretched film.~~

5 (currently amended): ~~The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 12, wherein the resin coating layer comprises fine particles and the surface unevenness shape of the resin coating layer is formed with the fine particles.~~

6 (original): ~~The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 5, wherein the fine particles are organic fine particles.~~

7 (currently amended): ~~The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 12, wherein the resin coating layer is formed with an ultraviolet curing resin.~~

8 (currently amended): ~~A light-diffusing sheet, a low refractive index layer lower in refractive index than the resin coating layer is provided on the unevenness surface of the resin coating layer of the light-diffusing sheet according to claim 12.~~

9 (currently amended): An optical element comprising the light-diffusing sheet according to Claim 1-2 provided on one side or both sides of an optical element.

10 (original): An image viewing display comprising the optical element according to claim 9.

11 (previously presented): An optical element comprising the light-diffusing sheet according to claim 8 provided on one side or both sides of an optical element.

12 (previously presented): An image viewing display comprising the optical element according to claim 11.

13 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 2, wherein if in the transparent film, a direction along which an in-plane refractive index is maximized is X axis, a direction perpendicular to X axis is Y axis, a thickness direction of the film is Z axis; refractive indexes in the respective axis directions are  $n_x$ ,  $n_y$  and  $n_z$ ; and a thickness of the transparent film is  $d$  (nm) by definition, the transparent film satisfies the following relations:

in-plane retardation  $R_e = (n_x - n_y) \times d \leq 20$  nm and

thickness direction retardation  $R_{th} = \{(n_x + n_y)/2 - n_z\} \times d \leq 30$  nm.

14 (previously presented): A light-diffusing sheet comprising a transparent film and a resin coating layer as a light-diffusing layer formed on at least one side of the transparent film,

said transparent film comprising (A) a thermoplastic resin having a substituted and/or non-substituted imide group at a side chain, and (B) a thermoplastic resin having an optionally substituted phenyl group and a nitrile group at a side chain, and

said light-diffusing layer having a rough surface satisfying  $S_m \leq 80$   $\mu$ m,  $R_a \leq 0.25$   $\mu$ m, and  $R_z \leq 9R_a$ , wherein  $S_m$  is an average peak-to-peak distance,  $R_a$  is a center-line average surface roughness, and  $R_z$  is a ten-point average surface roughness.

15 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 14, wherein the transparent film is a biaxially stretched film exhibiting substantially no birefringence.

16 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 15, wherein the transparent film is constituted substantially or nearly by components (A) and (B).

17 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 14, wherein the rough surface of the light-diffusing layer is formed using organic particles.

18 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 14, wherein the light-diffusing layer is formed using an ultraviolet curing resin.

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19 (previously presented): The light-diffusing sheet according to claim 14, further comprising a low refractive index layer formed on the rough surface of the light-diffusing layer.